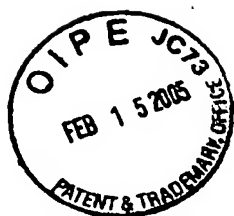


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Figs. 4-6 are views that shows the filter unit 7 which constitutes a filter 3.

These views show that square-like through holes on cross-section 7a is regularly formed along the axis line in the square pillar-like (33mmx33mmx150mm) filter unit 7.

These through holes are mutually separated by the partition wall 7b having a thickness of 0.3mm. Each of the through holes 7a is sealed with a plug made of porous sintered ceramics in the shape of a checkered pattern at either ends of its exhaust gas inlet side or an outlet side.

Consequently, it is in the state where the cells C1 and C2 which having openings at either the inlet side or an outlet side of the filter unit 7 were formed. In addition, the oxidizing catalyst which consists of a platinum group element, other metallic elements, its oxide, and the like may be supported to the partition wall 7b of cells C1 and C2. This is because when the oxidization catalyst is supported, the ignition temperature of a particulate is lowered.

Moreover, the filter unit 8 has the same constitution as the filter unit 7 except for cross-sectional form being a right-angled isosceles triangle-like. And in the case of the filter units 7 and 8 which constitute the filter 3 of this example, average diameter of a pore is 10  $\mu$ m, porosity is 43%, the thickness of a cell wall is 0.3mm and the cell pitch is set as 1.8mm.

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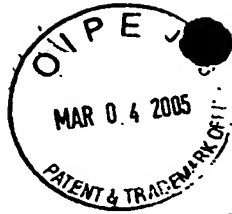
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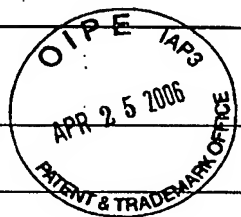
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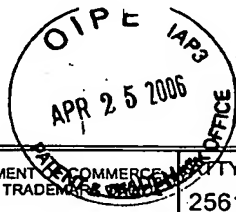
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